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	August 29, 2003 I No.: 10/652,248)))	Examiner: Attorney Docket 1-16150
For:	DEPOSITION OF SILICA COATINGS ON A SUBSTRATE)	,, <u></u>
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